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1. Trade negotiations were being carried on in late July 1954 by East Germany with the USSR, Poland and Czechoslovakia for the purpose of obtaining enough additional pit coal coke to complete the 1954 import plan for that commodity.
2. The negotiations with the USSR resulted in a contract for the delivery to East Germany of 100,000 metric tons of Donets Basin coke; 35,000 metric tons of this coke were to be delivered in the third quarter of 1954.
3. A contract with Poland was also drawn up, calling for the delivery to East Germany of 30,000 metric tons of coke. Poland was already committed to deliver 60,000 metric tons of pit coal to Czechoslovakia, but it was agreed that 37,000 metric tons of this pit coal would be turned over by Czechoslovakia to East Germany.
4. Deliveries of import arrears of pit coal coke from 1953 were also agreed to in the following amounts: 33,000 metric tons from Poland; 13,000 metric tons from the USSR. As of 20 July 1954, DRB Bergbau had not yet allocated quantities for these outstanding deliveries.

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